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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT BOGOTA 9873 SENT ACTION SECSTATE

INFO CALI MEDELLIN NOVEMBER 6TH:

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BOGOTA 9873

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT CO

SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO COLOMBIAN FONMIN  
LIEVANO

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1. THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO FONMIN LIEVANO WAS PROMINENTLY  
FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGES OF ALL FIVE OF BOGOTA'S NOV 5  
MORNING NEWSPAPERS. THE FREQUENTLY ANTI-U.S. EL PERIODICO,  
DESPITE A MISLEADING NEGATIVE HEADLINE, ALSO PRINTED  
REMARKS FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH THE FONMIN IN WHICH HE  
EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE "ESPECIALLY FRIENDLY  
AND CORDIAL EXPRESSIONS" CONTAINED IN THE MESSAGE AND HIS  
UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MESSAGE INDICATES "THE IMPORTANCE  
WHICH THE U.S. ATTRIBUTES TO THE INTERNATIONAL POSITION  
WHICH COLOMBIA HAS ASSUMED ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS AND PARTI-  
CULARLY TO THE POSITION WHICH COLOMBIA WILL SUSTAIN AT THE  
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QUITO CONFERENCE.

2. PRESTIGIOUS, NORMALLY PRO-US EL TIEMPO, WHICH HAS RECENTLY HOWEVER BEEN SHARPLY CRITICAL OF THE SECRETARY'S DECISION NOT TO GO TO QUITO, RAN TODAY (NOV 6) AN EDITORIAL, "KISSINGER'S EXCUSE", WHICH COMMENTED THAT THE MID-EAST CRISIS PROVIDED A CONVENIENT, IF VALID, EXCUSE NOT TO GO TO QUITO. THE EDITORIAL GOES ON TO DESCRIBE THE MESSAGE AS DEMONSTRATING THE "OSTENSIBLE INDIFFERENCE" WITH WHICH WASHINGTON REGARDS ITS RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT.

COMMENT: DESPITE EL TIEMPOS HARSH EDITORIAL REMARKS, THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE HAS PROBABLY EASED SOME OF THE RESENTMENT AND HURT FEELINGS AMONG COLOMBIANS OVER THE SECRETARY'S NON-ATTENDANCE AT QUITO. END COMMENT.

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